

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 (currently amended): A supporting apparatus for supporting an electric device in a car,
5 the supporting apparatus comprising:
a plug having a front end and a rear end, ~~the front end adapted for plugging into over~~
 ~~which the front end of the plug being can be plugged into and fixed in an~~
 electric socket of the car;
a flexible steel tube being connected between ~~having two ends fixed to~~ the rear end
10 of the plug and the electric device separately;
a plurality of flexible steel wire ropes being connected between ~~each having two~~
 ~~ends fixed to~~ the rear end of the plug and the electric device separately, the
 plurality of steel wire ropes being positioned ~~separately at two~~ on different sides
 of the steel tube for strengthening the steel tube;
15 an L-shaped metal piece embedded in a plastic housing of the electric device
 wherein the L-shaped metal piece comprises a first plate and a second plate
 perpendicular to each other and the first plate comprises a plurality of holes for
 allowing one end of the steel tube and steel wire ropes to pass through and
 embed in the plastic housing of the electric device; and
20 an electric wire installed in the steel tube for electrically connecting the electric
 device to the plug;
 wherein ~~when an user bends or rotates the supporting apparatus,~~ the steel tube and
 steel wire ropes of the supporting apparatus are capable of being ~~will be flexibly~~ bent
 or rotated for adjusting the position of ~~and~~ the electric device ~~will be approximately~~
25 ~~maintained at~~ to the bent or rotated position.

- 2 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a plastic

cover ~~covered on~~ covering the steel tube and steel wire ropes for protecting the steel tube and steel wire ropes.

3 (original): The supporting apparatus of claim 2 wherein the plastic cover is made of
5 flexible plastic material and is formed directly outside the steel tube and steel wire ropes.

4 (cancelled).

10 5 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of claim 1 comprising two steel wire ropes ~~symmetrically~~ installed at two sides of the steel tube for strengthening the steel tube.

15 6 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a rigid plastic head piece integrally built at one ~~ends~~ end of the steel tube and steel wire ropes near the plug for fastening the steel tube and steel wire ropes together.

7 (cancelled).

20 8 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of ~~claim 7~~ claim 1 further comprising a metal piece for fixing the steel tube and steel wire ropes to the second plate of the L-shaped metal piece ~~to prevent the steel tube and steel wire ropes from loosening~~.

25 9 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the electric socket of the car is ~~also used for connecting~~ an electric cigarette lighter socket.

10 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of claim 1 wherein each of the steel wire ropes comprises ~~is formed by combining~~ a plurality of stainless steel wires joined together.